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TV in the taxi: Love it or hate it?

► Helpful? Obnoxious? New Yorkers split when it comes to taxicab television ► More ads coming: They'll soon appear on your cab receipt (page 02)



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Wright is 'sad' to lose Reyes

► Jose moving on to Miami
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With the release of 'Lioness' today, we get another glimpse into the beloved Amy (page 17)



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By the numbers

TLC asked: How do you like the Taxi TV options?

43%

Like it

36%

Don't like it

10%

Don't want a TV at all

TLC asked: Did you know you can mute or turn off this screen?

20%

Said they did not

TLC asked: What do you dislike most about cabs?

46%

Too expensive

28%

Aggressive driving

17%

TV is annoying

Metro question

Metro asked cabbies what they think:



Mohammad Anjam, Bensonhurst, 53, driver

for six years

"I like it; it's good when there's traffic because people can just watch TV. Otherwise, they might get upset."



Rahennuz-zam Choudhury, 19, Bronx, driver for eight months

"It's the worst. It bothers a lot of people. Sometimes when the TV is talking, I think a customer is talking, like that lady that says 'Take me to Fifth Avenue.'"

City divided when it comes to in-cab TVs

► Half the city's taxi riders hate the squawking sets, other half loves 'em
► City says they're sticking around, since they're connected to the credit card readers and GPS systems
► Ads to appear on taxi receipts in 2011

According to the results of a new poll by the Taxi and Limousine Commission released yesterday, nearly half of all New Yorkers surveyed said they don't like the in-cab entertainment. And 17 percent said they downright can't stand the TVs.

When asked what they dislike most about cabs in the city today, 17 percent of riders called the ubiquitous video screens in cabs "annoying." And 46 percent of riders polled said they either don't like the TVs and would like more options, or they simply don't want a TV set in their cab altogether.

"It's been fairly consistent that while many riders like it, there are also many riders who don't," said TLC Commissioner David Yassky. "That rider can turn it off, or leave the screen on and mute it."



► Taxi drivers say only customers can turn off the in-taxi TVs.

The TLC is mulling expanding ads in taxis, such as by putting ads on the back of taxi receipts, which will likely start hap-

pening in January.

There are two channels on Taxi TV: The first provides ABC and NBC news and programming and the

second, which launched in October, provides local New York City information, such as upcoming weekend events and city announcements.

The city does not get any ad revenue from the Taxi TVs, said Allan Fromberg, a TLC spokesman.

Rather, the two main vendors that operate the sets — VeriFone Systems and Creative Mobile Technologies — paid to install the machines and revenue goes back into their pockets.

Some taxi medallion owners also receive a cut of the profits, but that almost never trickles down to actual cab drivers, said Yassky.

About 113,000 riders total filled out the survey, which was, coincidentally, offered on the TV screens.



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OPINION: I LOVE TAXI TV!

Ads over small talk: That's what I prefer

Point



CASSANDRA GARRISON

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Personally, I love the in-cab entertainment. I learn a little something new about NYC each time I take

"To me, it's still better than having nothing to listen to but blaring car horns and the grumbling profanity of the cab driver." GARRISON

a taxi. (Full disclosure: I'm still fairly new to the city). It's a little bit of news, weather, some late-night show recaps — and my favorite part, dining suggestions. I've learned where to go for the crispiest fries, the best pie and a great cup of joe. They're places I might not have stumbled upon on my own. Sure, there's Yelp, but the taxi entertainment offers a sit-back-and-relax convenience that I've come to appreciate. Admittedly, it can get a bit repetitive — but, to me, it's still better than listening to blaring car horns and the grumbling profanity of the cab driver.

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OPINION: THANKS, BUT NO THANKS

Not the place for a TV, unless I'm on 'Cash Cab'

Counterpoint



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Taxi TV seems like it was designed solely to quantify the precise correlation between a passenger's drunk-

"Full disclosure: I only take cabs when I'm too intoxicated to stomach the sounds and smells of my fellow mass transit passengers." SIMMS

ness and the length of time it takes him to successfully toggle off the service via its persistently defective touch-screen display. (Full disclosure: I only take cabs when I'm too intoxicated to stomach the sounds and smells of my fellow mass transit passengers. As it turns out, Taxi TV is actually worse.)

There is a short list of activities I consider apropos of taxi travel: Reading, chatting and making out are among them. Being forced to take in commercial ad prattle is not. In truth, I always enjoy sharing a moment of human contact with the driver.

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Horse feud 'reins' after animal falls

Supporters of New York's controversial horse-and-buggy rides are crying "foal" over an incident on Sunday in which a horse fell near Central Park.

Elizabeth Forel of the Coalition to Ban Horse-Drawn Carriages claimed that the horse "collapsed."

The animal did not collapse, said ASPCA spokesman Bret Hopman, but tripped and fell while towing four passengers in a buggy. The ASPCA is currently investigating the incident. The owner has made arrangements for a vet to examine the horse.

"The horse has been suspended pending a veterinary exam and won't return

Collapsed?

"Anti-carriage horse activists like to use the word 'collapse' because it is incendiary, not because it accurately describes what happened," said Christina Hansen of the Horse and Carriage Association of New York City, which supports carriage rides.

to work until the exam is completed," said Hopman.

The horse was only down for about a minute, an eyewitness at the scene told Metro, before getting back up on its own.



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Politics. Fighting dirty



► "Newt told us to take a bath, but he is filthy rich," said grad student Ben Campbell, 28.

OWS: Newt filthy rich

About 20 Occupy Wall Street protesters rallied on 38th Street yesterday, where a fundraiser for presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich was being held. Earlier this fall, Gingrich told protesters: "Go get a job, right after you take a bath." In response, one protester showed up wearing his wife's bathrobe yesterday. ● METRO/EAE

Billy's Antiques & Props to lose tarp, move inside

BOWERY. Billy's Antiques & Props, the rag-tag shop housed in a giant tent on Houston and Bowery, will be moving indoors come next year. "It will be nice to have heat, walls and a structure around me," said Billy Leroy, 52, who has owned the shop of oddities since 2003. His landlord plans to build a two-story building on the lot and house Billy's in the new space. Leroy said he will bury the famed tent under the building. ● METRO/EAE



"Billy's was just another crazy store on the Bowery. Now it's going to be all Crate & Barrels." **BILLY LEROY**

BX church loses battle for school

BRONX. The U.S. Supreme Court decided yesterday it will refuse to hear a case in which the Bronx

Household of Faith seeks to hold after-school religious meetings in a New York public school. The Supreme Court's decision not to hear the case upheld an earlier decision by a lower court, which ruled the congregation cannot hold services in school. ● METRO/EAE

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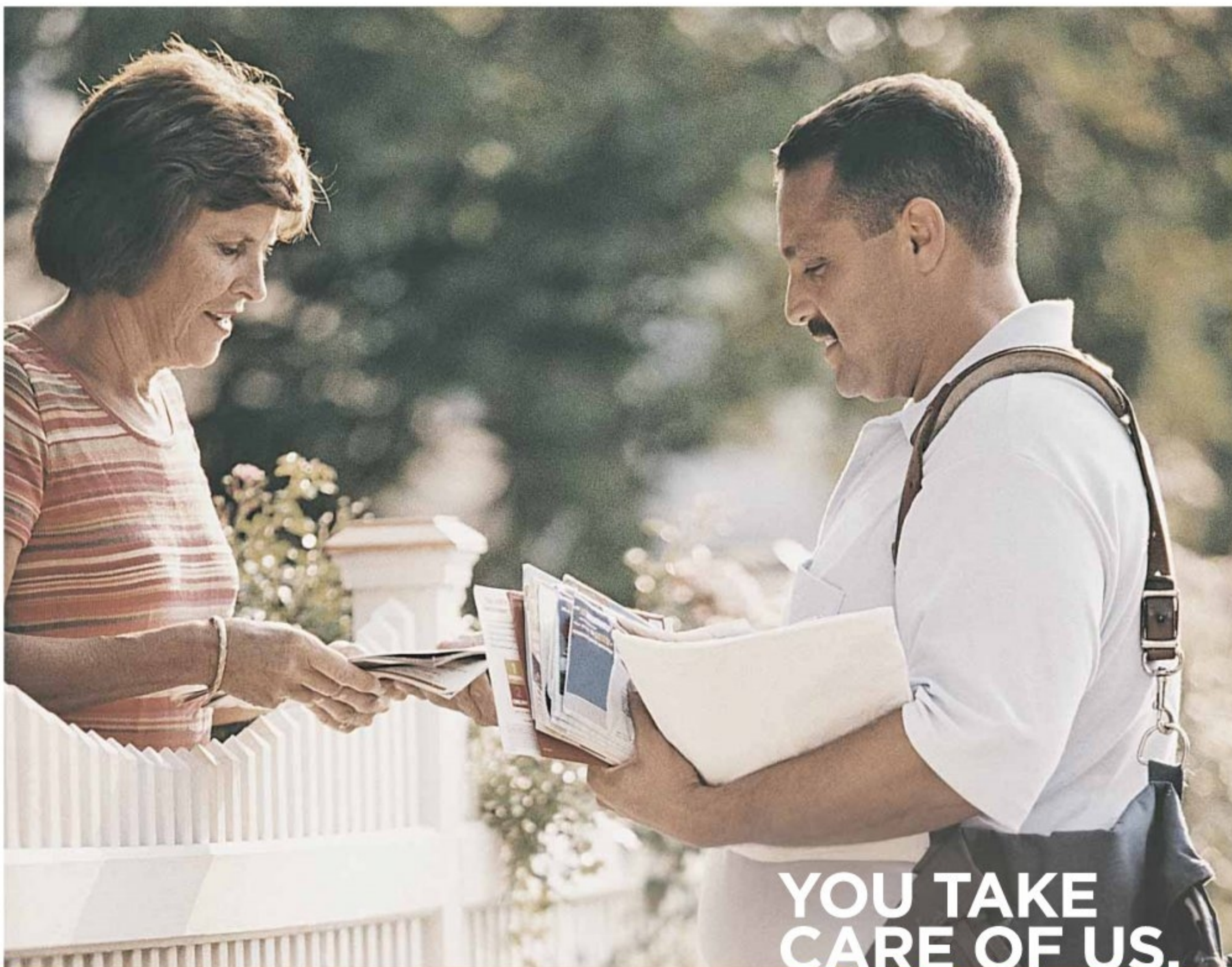
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► The spas are collecting unused toiletries.

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Beauty products collected at spas

► Help women throughout the city feel beautiful this holiday season ► Drop off new, unused toiletries

A holiday charity drive usually brings to mind necessities like food and clothing. There are other needs, though, that often go unnoticed.

Haven Spa and Eve Salon are partnering with Women in Need to collect toiletries for women and children who have fallen on hard times.

"Haven and Eve are in the beauty business and the toiletries drive fits perfectly in line with that," said Anne Lazovik, general manager of Haven Spa. "It's an extension of our mission."

This is the first year Haven Spa, which is located in SoHo, and Eve Salon,



► Eve Salon

in the West Village, teamed up for a toiletries drive. Anyone can pop into either location to drop off items.

"Part of the reason it's

so important to have a drive for these items is because they're not the first thing people think of to donate," Lazovik said. "Toiletries is something you consider a given. We usually don't consider it as something people need because we have it."

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They determined the bombs to be "inert" and the Belgium-bound passenger surrendered her items when they stopped and questioned her.

The TSA has been under fire after two elderly women, in two separate alleged incidents, accused agents of violating them during security screenings

Not too sharp

A credit card knife was discovered at Newark airport on Saturday, according to reports. The ultrathin knife was found in the wallet of an L.A.-bound passenger.

at JFK. Lenore Zimmerman, 85, claims she was strip-searched after asking for a patdown. Only days after Zimmerman came forward, Ruth Sherman, 88, said she was also humiliated when agents tried to investigate the bulge from her colostomy bag.



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Art. Elements



► Sculptor Shintaro Okamoto created two 11-foot towers and one 9-foot tower.

Skyscrapers made of ice

Three ice sculptures were unveiled Sunday at The James Hotel in SoHo. Sculptor Shintaro Okamoto says he sought to create mini skyscrapers carved out of ice. The public is invited to check out the sculptures on the outdoor deck — until they melt, that is. ● METRO/CB

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Gingrich campaign: Cain not endorsing

► Politicians deny accuracy of media report ► Former House Speaker's team says it's just not happening

Former pizza magnate Herman Cain will not endorse former rival Newt Gingrich for the 2012 Republican presidential nomination, contrary to a media report, a spokesman for Gingrich's campaign said.

Cain dropped out of the race on Saturday after accusations of sexual misconduct overwhelmed his bid to become the Republicans' choice to oppose Democratic President Barack Obama's re-election bid.

His departure shaped the Republican race more clearly into a matchup between Gingrich and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and spurred speculation as to

A perfect match?

Like Cain, Gingrich has faced down allegations of marital infidelity.

"I can't say I won't endorse, but not in the immediate time frame." CAIN

whom the former Republican front-runner would support.

Cain said on Saturday he would endorse one of the contenders for the nomination. The Fox television station in Atlanta that first reported allegations that Cain had had an extramarital affair said he was preparing to endorse Gingrich on Monday. Cain has denied the affair.

Gingrich seemed the most logical choice for a Cain endorsement because his campaign has appealed to the same conservative wing of the Republican party targeted by Cain, who had positioned himself as an anti-Washington tax reformer.

R.C. Hammond, a spokesman for Gingrich, said there were no plans for Cain to endorse the former Speaker of the House of Representatives yesterday, despite media reports over the weekend.

REUTERS



► Newt Gingrich has cast himself as the more conservative alternative to a flip-flopping Mitt Romney, the other leading Republican candidate for president. Can Cain help?

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Given that he was nominated as Metro's Man of the Year when we first ran this event two years ago, it has been noticeable how few nominations President Barack Obama received this year. A sign of things to come next November, perhaps? Yesterday, Metro readers reacted with a vengeance, nominating him several times.

Documentary maker Michael Moore was nominated by Donia Goss of Arlington, Mass.: "For over 20 years he has been on the front lines protesting the ridiculous inequalities in America."

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Better send those cards quick

NEW YORK. Say goodbye to next-day delivery on stamped letters.

The U.S. Postal Service warned back in September that ongoing financial difficulties could potentially lead to the closure of more than 250 mail-processing facilities, which would precipitate a slowdown of first-class mail delivery. Now it looks like that doomsday scenario will indeed come to pass.

The Postal Service, which posted a \$5 billion loss in the 2011 fiscal year, is set to unveil the

details of its billions of dollars in budget cutbacks today. In addition to putting thousands of Postal Service employees out of work, it will also mean that the delivery time of stamped first-class mail will be reduced

from 1-3 days to 2-3 days. In other words, if you need to send a Mother's Day card or a rent check, you'll need to allow at least two days for it to arrive.

That's bad news for procrastinators: According to the Associated Press, 42 percent of first-class mail currently arrives the next day, but when the new changes take effect next spring, about half of all first-class mail will arrive in two days' time, and most remaining letters will take three days. [MAINSTREET.COM](http://mainstreet.com)



Payroll tax cut gets a second look

WASHINGTON. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid hopes to get a vote this week on a compromise to extend a popular payroll tax cut set to expire at the end of this month, a Democratic aide said yesterday. According to the aide,

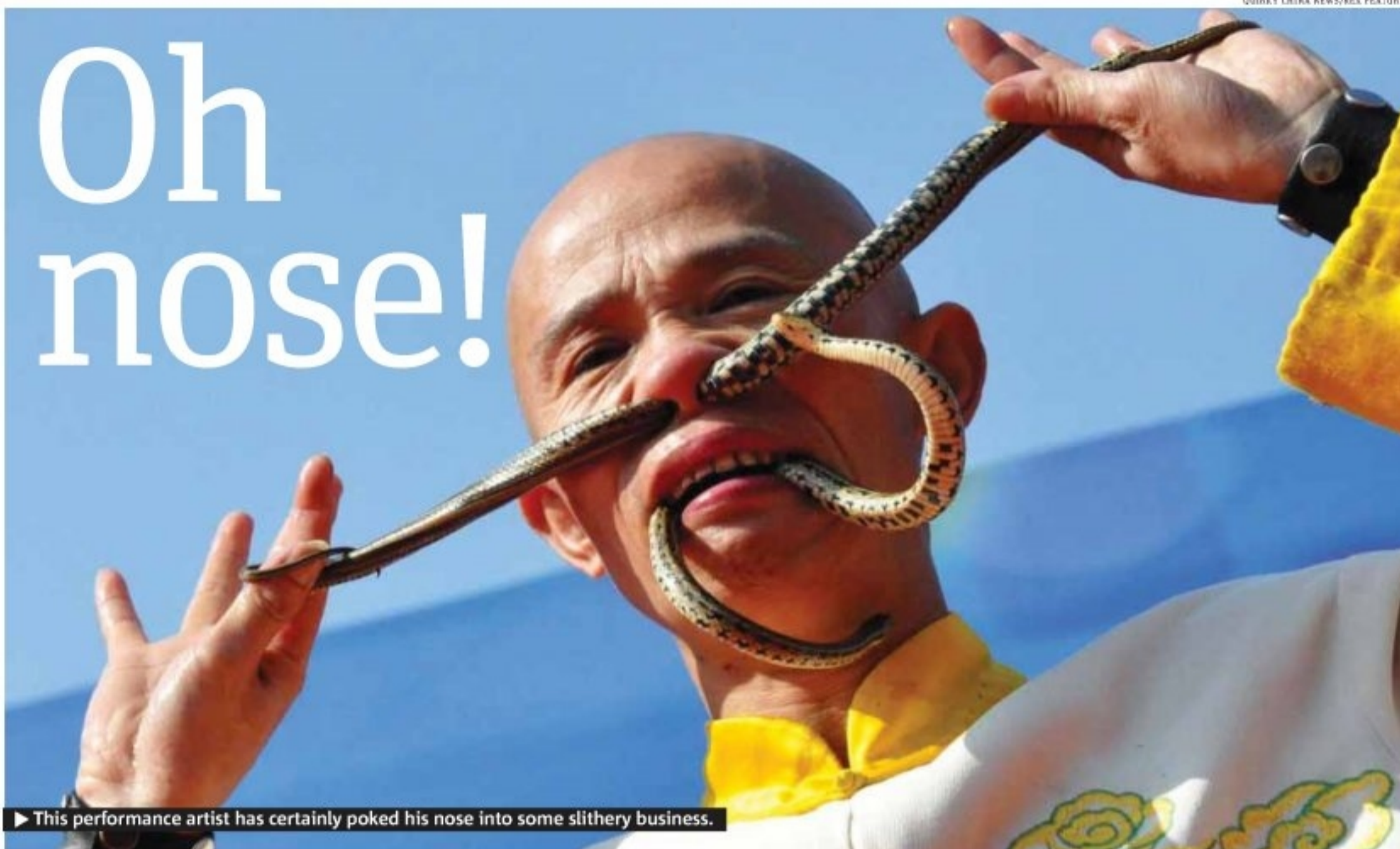
the new proposal pares back a Democratic plan rejected last week. It no longer would give employers a reduction in their 6.2 percent payroll tax. But like the previous version, it would cut workers' tax to 3.1 percent, from the current 4.2 percent.

Also, a new tax on income above \$1 million a year would be scaled back from the original 3.25 percent. [REUTERS](http://reuters)

Assange to get his day in court

LONDON. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who is fighting extradition to Sweden, won the right yesterday to ask Britain's Supreme Court to hear his case, prolonging his stay in Britain. Swedish authorities want to question the 40-year-old Australian over accusations of rape and sexual assault. [REUTERS](http://reuters)

Oh nose!



► This performance artist has certainly poked his nose into some slithery business.

Serpents invade man's orifices

NANNING, CHINA. Li Fei threads two snakes from both nostrils and out his mouth at Nanning Zoo in Guangxi Province, south China. Another "artist," Liu Xin, performed a headstand on top of a nail. ● **MWN**

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Jackie Biddy set the Guinness World Record for most snakes in mouth at nine, holding them in his mouth for 10 seconds.

Snakeman Liu

- **Adept at handling snakes** Liu Fei, 40, is nicknamed 'Snake King Asia.'
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\$5.00 1838D.....	Up To.....	\$10,500
\$5.00 1842C Small Date, 1861D, 1864S.....	Up To.....	\$6,500
\$5.00 1909O, 1929.....	Up To.....	\$6,500
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Breitling.....	\$15,000	Illinois.....	\$1,500	Chronograph Watches.....	\$16,500
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'Housewife' Kim Richards enters rehab

GETTY IMAGES



Richards posed at the Critics' Choice Television Awards Luncheon in June.

I always thought the "point" of the "Real Housewives" franchise was to show us, the common people, how glamorous and lovely it is being stinking rich. But "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" just makes me grateful for my overdrawn MasterCard.

As you may remember, four months ago, cast member **Taylor Armstrong's** husband killed himself, reportedly because of financial problems. Now, "Entertainment Tonight" is reporting that cast member **Kim Richards** is in rehab. In previous episodes of the show, Richards admitted to taking anti-anxiety and antidepressant medications, as well as an anti-seizure medication that can be used to treat alcoholism (meaning: Richards isn't a person who

just has one too many glasses of wine at dinner; she's probably hiding hooch around the house).

It's sad. Everything about this show is sad. And maybe everyone on this show would be happier if they stopped trying to impress the Joneses and downgraded their materialistic lives into something a little more manageable and normal. Sometimes you just have to blow dry your own hair and vacuum your own floors, you know?

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Talking points

Sheen to the rescue?

When **Brooke Mueller** was arrested in Colorado during the weekend on assault and drug charges, it was ex-husband **Charlie Sheen** to the rescue, according to Radar Online. Sources say Mueller first contacted her parents for help with her \$11,000 bail, but they refused. "They actually wanted to leave her in jail," a source says. "Brooke's family is done with her — she has to get straight or she is going to die." Luckily, Sheen was



Beyonce

more than happy to post bail on her behalf.

Beyonce isn't 'bothered' by rumors

Beyonce isn't bothered by rumors that have circulated since she announced her pregnancy — including talk that she's been wearing a fake pregnancy stomach while a surrogate secretly carries her child. "You know, there are certain things that are so far, it doesn't even affect me," she tells **Katie Couric** in an interview. However, the same can't be said for her family. "My mom is like, 'Nobody's talking about my grandbaby! My

grandbaby's not even here yet!'" Beyonce says. "I was like 'Calm down, mom! It's OK!'"

Biel dug the belly

For **Jessica Biel**, pregnancy would be a blast — if her role in "New Year's Eve" is any indication. In the romantic comedy, Biel plays an expectant mother, and playing with extra padding took a lot of pressure off for the actress. "It was so good! I had a [pregnant belly] suit on ... and I had the biggest boobs," the actress tells British talk show host **Graham Norton**. "I ate whatever I wanted — it was great!"

Rancic to get double mastectomy

Giuliana Rancic, 36, once the poster child for infertility, is now, sadly, the spokeswoman for another terrible affliction: She announced yesterday on "Today" that she will have a double mastectomy after lumpectomies failed to completely eradicate her breast cancer.

She says the reason for the dramatic procedure is twofold. "For me, it was important to get the cancer out," she says. "That's what I wanted to do, just get it out." She also didn't want to delay trying for a baby with husband **Bill Rancic**, 40, as having another lumpectomy-radiation option would have meant delaying pregnancy. "I couldn't be more at peace with the decision. But it's hard, and I still break down some nights. ... But I'm OK."



Best of luck with your recovery, Giuliana.

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

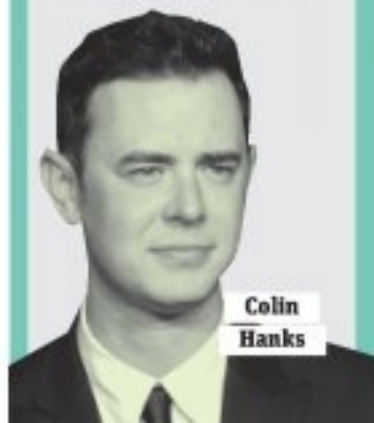
Patrick Schwarzenegger is feeling overworked, Colin Hanks is conducting a survey, Kelly Osbourne is having trouble with housework and Carrie Fisher is getting frisky.

► **@PSchwarzenegger:** Meeting after meeting after meeting today. In desperate need of jacuzzi

► **@Colin_Hanks:** The city of Hollywood has the sleaziest collection of car washes. Not all of the greater LA area mind you. Just the city itself.

► **@MissKellyO:** ahhh i hate some of the people in my building some a--hole just put my clothes in the dryer and ruined all my new clothes! i want to cry!

► **@CarrieFFisher:** Tom Brokaw and I trying to reminisce about a sexual encounter we'd both forgotten.



Colin Hanks



We're out with the girls today

1. Lady Gaga was ready for the holidays at KIIS-FM's Jingle Ball at L.A. Live's Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles on Saturday.

2. Britney Spears held a free concert at Monumento a la Revolucion in Mexico City on Sunday.

3. Demi Lovato performed at the Rosemont Theatre in Chicago on Saturday.

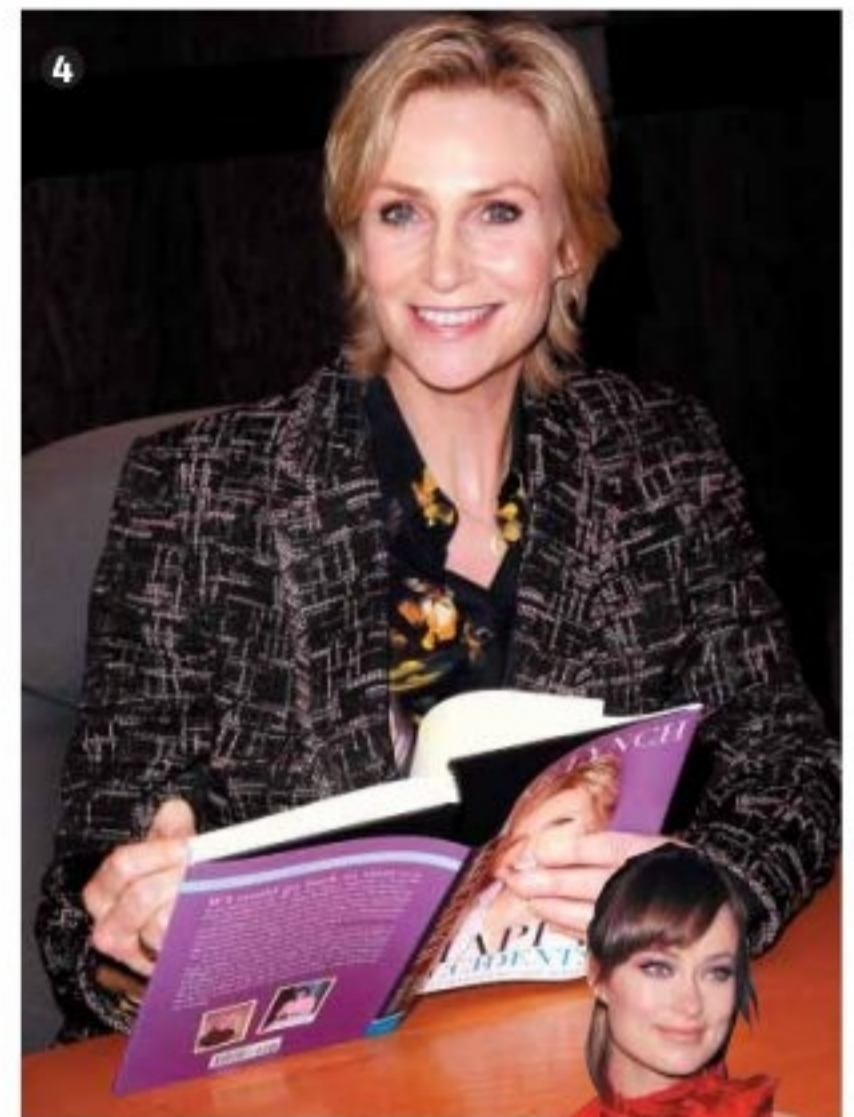
4. Jane Lynch attended a signing for her new book, "Happy Accidents," at Barnes & Noble bookstore at The Grove in Los Angeles on Sunday.

5. Madonna attended the Cinema Society & Piaget screening of "W.E." at The Museum of Modern Art in New York City on Sunday.

6. Revlon's newest global brand ambassador, Olivia Wilde, launched four new Revlon eye products at The Lambs Club in New York City yesterday.

7. LeAnn Rimes arrived at the Trevor Project's 2011 Trevor Live! at The Hollywood Palladium in Los Angeles on Sunday.

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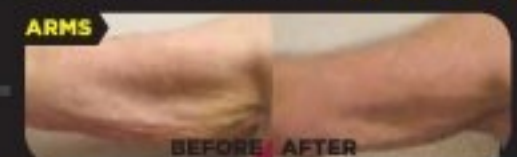


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3 Must-have bras

▶ Bra expert Susan Nethero tells us the styles you need to strap on before hitting the holiday party in your sleek backless or one-shoulder dress ▶ Don't be the girl constantly adjusting

Just because you found the perfect slinky, sequined dress for this year's endless holiday parties doesn't mean your work is done — you still need the right support. We checked in with Susan Nethero, the founder of Intimacy — a lingerie chain that prides itself on fitting women for the perfect-size bra — to find out the must-haves to complete your party wardrobe.

The bras

- 1 A great strapless:** Marie Jo "Jane," \$131
- 2 A convertible:** "The straps adjust to a halter, racerback or low-back." Marie Jo "Avero," \$111
- 3 A plunge:** Cleo "Jude," \$49. All styles available at www.myintimacy.com



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How will the 'Lioness' roar?

► The first Amy Winehouse album to be released since her death drops today ► Where does 'Hidden Treasures' fit in with other hidden treasures of posthumous albums?

Amy Winehouse's first release since she died in July came out on today. As early as September, word got out that this would not be the revered "third album" that she was reportedly working on at the time of her death, but a compilation of unreleased songs from 2002 through March of this year.

Though a complete version of "Lioness: Hidden Treasures" was not available at press time, enough tracks have surfaced online to paint a relatively clear idea of what to expect.



Many of the tunes are covers and reworked versions of previously released songs. They have a surprisingly consistent vibe for such a varied time-

line of when they were recorded. But posthumous albums are hardly ever a full picture of an artist's intentions. One can't help but wonder how close to completion they were, according to Amy.

Two tracks surfaced last week: "Between the Cheats" and "Halftime." Aside from the distorted bass that signals the intro of "Cheats," it sounds like a straight-up oldies revival in the tradition of "Beauty School Dropout." Winehouse's voice is slurry like a drunken flirt — sure,



► Winehouse

she's touching your shirt as she's talking to you, but she's swaying from side to side. That said, she doesn't miss a note. "Halftime" is more likely to be a legacy cementer though. With its smooth Mary J mood and lyrics about how important her chosen profession was to her, this 2002 tune is almost a fitting epitaph.

"The music is a gift," she sings, "and it's stronger than all else, provides me with a bliss."

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Other posthumous musical offerings

► Otis Redding 'The Dock of the Bay'

With the title track of this 1968 album, released 76 days after his death, Redding had recorded the only tune of this folk sort in his catalog. It's one of the biggest "what if?" moments in music history.

► Janis Joplin 'Pearl'

Released 99 days after her death, this 1971 album is full of those proverbial "what if?" moments, as well as a lot of eerie lyrical moments. It's stinging to hear her sing "I'd trade all of my tomorrows for one single yesterday" in "Me and Bobby McGee."

► John Lennon and Yoko Ono 'Milk and Honey' Lennon was assassinated weeks after he released 1980's "Double Fantasy," an album



that broke a silence of more than five years. This 1983 LP he'd been working on with Yoko Ono was intended to be the follow-up. "Milk and Honey" is not an insult to the Lennon legacy, but listening now, it's very much of its era.

► Sublime 'Sublime'

Sublime singer Bradley Nowell died in 1996 (the same year as Tupac, who we didn't profile here because that dude released more albums after he died than when he was alive). Anyway, by the time Nowell died, his band's major label debut was already in the can. It came out two months later.

► Michael Jackson 'Michael'

Many close to the King of Pop contend Michael would not deem "Michael" worthy of his royal catalog. Though it's no "Thriller," it's not bad.

TV watch list

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► "Sons of Anarchy"

'Sons of Anarchy'

DRAMA. Is this the end for Clay? For Jax? For SAMCRO? Jax's conflict since Season 1 — trying to reconcile his dead father's vision for the club with what stepdad Clay has led it to become — comes to a head in tonight's finale. Season finale, 10 p.m., FX

'Glee'

COMEDY. Here's a holiday present for all you Gleeeks: The return of Chord

Overstreet as Finn attempts to recruit new members before sectionals. 8 p.m., Fox

'A Michael Buble Christmas'

SPECIAL. The Canadian crooner does a breezy pop Christmas special right, inviting Justin Bieber, Tracy Morgan, Oscar the Grouch and others over for some comedy sketches and carols. 8 p.m., NBC

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► Patricia Cornwell's "Red Mist" is her 19th Kay Scarpetta novel.

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Patricia Cornwell is just getting started

► The author's beloved character, the fearless forensic examiner Kay Scarpetta, returns in 'Red Mist' ► Cornwell on creating the series and her intimate, complicated relationship with her heroine of the last 20 years

"Red Mist" might be the 19th novel in the best-selling Kay Scarpetta series, but author Patricia Cornwell isn't tired of her forensic examiner heroine. In fact, 20 years since Scarpetta made her debut in 1990s "Post-mortem" and the series went on to become an international sensation, Cornwell says she's just getting started.

"I am still quite passionate about her," Cornwell says with a twang, revealing her Southern roots. "I'm having more fun with her

now than ever, and I hope [my fans] don't get bored with them because I'm not bored with them."

Cornwell speaks about her characters almost as though they are real people, a charming tendency that occurred throughout our interview. And it's understandable — you'd be hard-pressed to find an author who is closer to her main character than Cornwell is to Scarpetta. "I look at the world through her and, when I write, I filter my personality through her," says

Cornwell.

When asked what percentage of herself manifests in Scarpetta, she wouldn't name a figure, just saying: "I created this character and if she had a disposition that I found objectionable, I would not want to spend decades of my life with that person."

Another way Cornwell and Scarpetta are intertwined? The 55-year-old author is especially known for trying out activities that Scarpetta undertakes in her books — from scuba diving

to flying helicopters to riding motorcycles.

"I do things enough so I can make you believe it enough when I'm recreating them for you. I want you to feel like you are in Savannah," says Cornwell about the setting for "Red Mist." "When a scene is going really well for me, I always have a flicker of a start when I leave my Boston office and there isn't moss outside on the trees."



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Updated baby advice

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently revised two policy statements, and their recommendations relate directly to how you're raising your child.

Watching TV

Back in 1999, when the AAP declared that children under 2 shouldn't be exposed to television and videos, there wasn't a whole lot of science to back up that recommendation. But after examining more than 50 studies that look at the effects of media on that age group, the AAP is standing its ground. Research shows that watching TV can cause irregular sleep habits and schedules, and can be linked to late talking. Instead of putting your child in front of the screen, give him something safe to play with —



► Babies should always sleep on their backs.

he'll figure out how to entertain himself.

Preventing SIDS

In addition to the usual rules for babies up to 1 year — starting with always putting your baby to sleep on his back — there are some big changes: The AAP now

recommends no bed-sharing, no bumpers and no co-sleepers (which attach to the side of your bed). You should breastfeed if possible and fully immunize your baby; both have been associated with a decreased SIDS risk. Offer a pacifier too: Sucking on one may reduce the odds, perhaps be-

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Minimum wage not our enemy

RE: "MINIMUM WAGE STIFLES JOBS": I had to shake the cobwebs off after reading St. Edwards trot out the old "minimum wage creates unemployment" line. The rhetoric is that if the minimum wage — a wage well below the poverty level — is raised, employers will lay off or not hire workers. This has historically been proven incorrect. It is interesting that minimum wage workers are attacked as the cause of unemployment and not the astronomical high wages of CEOs and corpo-

rate executives. Doesn't their skyrocketing pay cause unemployment?

DAVID DIBELLO, BROOKLYN

It always astounds me how poor people will defend the rich. Yesterday you had one guy saying Wall Street did nothing wrong; another saying the rich give to charity so we should all bow to kiss their feet; and another denouncing the minimum wage because it kills jobs. How ignorant do you have to be to work against your own best interests? The only people who should be defending the banks and the wealthy are defense

lawyers in court! I'm sorry, but the rest of you are just plain stupid for defending those who would make serfs of us all. **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

I suggest you read Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath" to understand what kind of a world you advocate by abolishing the minimum wage.

JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE

You are naive and don't know your history if you think that companies will pay their employees fairly without governmental interference. Why don't you go to a country that pays slave wages while the

workers toil 12 hour days — that income isn't regulated by their government. This is why jobs have gone overseas. These greedy companies get to pay workers little to no money and make a huge profit.

CYNTHIA KING, VIA E-MAIL

Do your jobs, or lose them

Regarding yesterday's ranking of Republican candidates: As far as I'm concerned they all rank zero. They have all — except Huntsman — signed the traitor Grover Norquist's pledge to starve agencies they don't like by refusing to do the part of their job that involves making sure the government has enough money. They are all total hypocrites.

PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Today's good aspects could offer you more ways than usual to further your ambitious interests. Although the breaks may be plentiful, they'll be fleeting as well, so act immediately.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. A positive attitude regarding your involvements with others will work wonders for you. With the right mind-set, you'll be a bit bolder and will reach higher than usual.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. By consistently envisioning positive results for all your undertakings, there's a very good chance your hopes and expectations will be fulfilled as well. Try it and see for yourself.

Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Some important news might be coming your way. After studying it closely, you're likely to discover that it's much bigger than you ever anticipated.

Aries March 21-April 19. Something good could happen to you that would immediately ease a financial burden. A friend is likely to be the one who brings this about.

Taurus April 20-May 20. Even if things have been a bit unimpressive for you lately, matters could suddenly, totally change. Whatever it is that occurs should please you immensely.

mensely.

Gemini May 21-June 20. Should your intuition start telling you that something good is about to bloom, don't treat it lightly. Your instincts are on track and working quite well.

Cancer June 21-July 22. In case you haven't realized it yet, you'll soon have proof just how valuable your friends are. One among them will help you achieve something that you haven't been able to do alone.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Obstacles that have previously been impeding your progress could be replaced with stepping stones, carrying you straight to your hopes and dreams.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. It won't be by accident that your hopes and plans begin working out far more successfully than they did previously. It'll be because your thinking is now much more practical and feasible.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Someone born under the sign of Sagittarius could offer you some extremely valuable advice. If you happen to have a pal who is an Archer, get together posthaste.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. The genuine show of interest and caring you have for others will evoke a warmer response from someone who's been frosty toward you. Make the most of the thaw. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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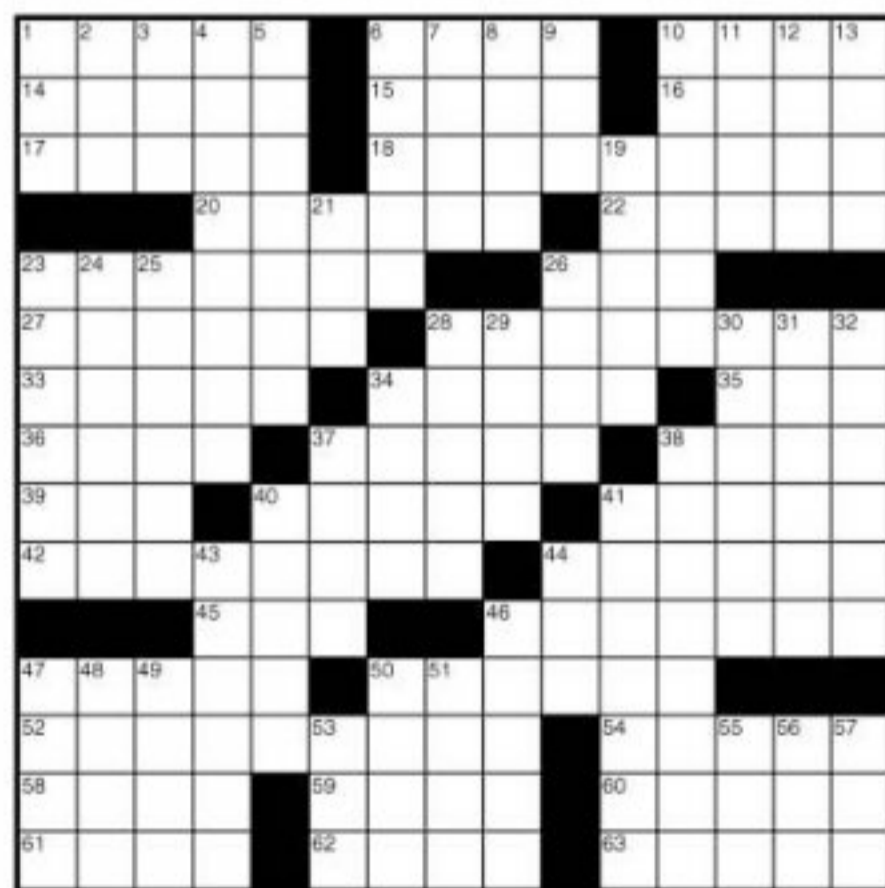
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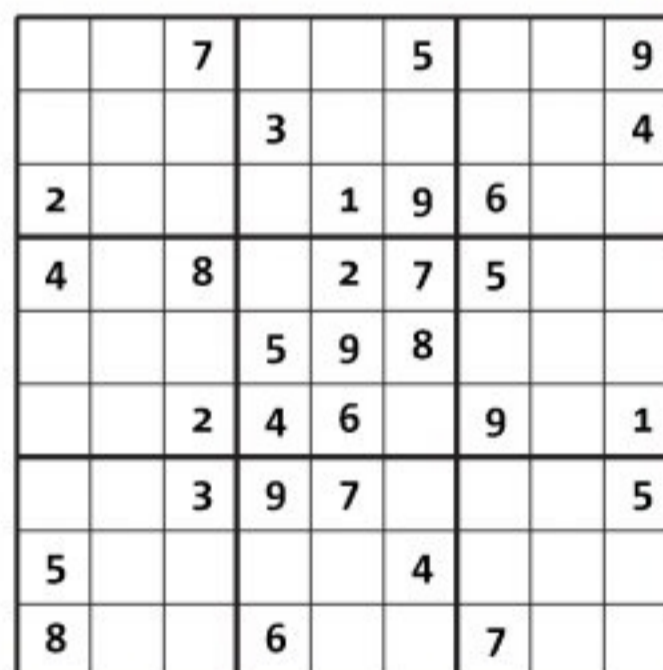
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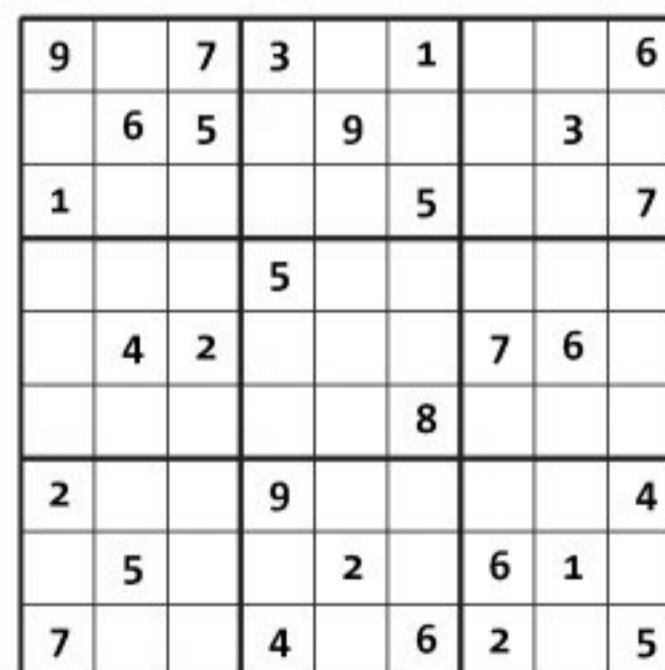


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► Website lets students track personal savings, which can then be matched by donors to use for tuition and other educational expenses

The same way people can sponsor and invest in creative projects through websites like Kickstarter, they can now do the same for the future of a student who dreams of attending college. A newly launched website, Collegeset.org, the brainchild of Juma Ventures, allows low-income high school students to set up a savings account where their contributions can be matched by the company or individual donors.

"Research shows a student who has a college savings account is seven times more likely to complete college," said Juma's chief development officer, Nick

Hutchinson. "To invest in students who are investing in themselves is a very powerful concept."

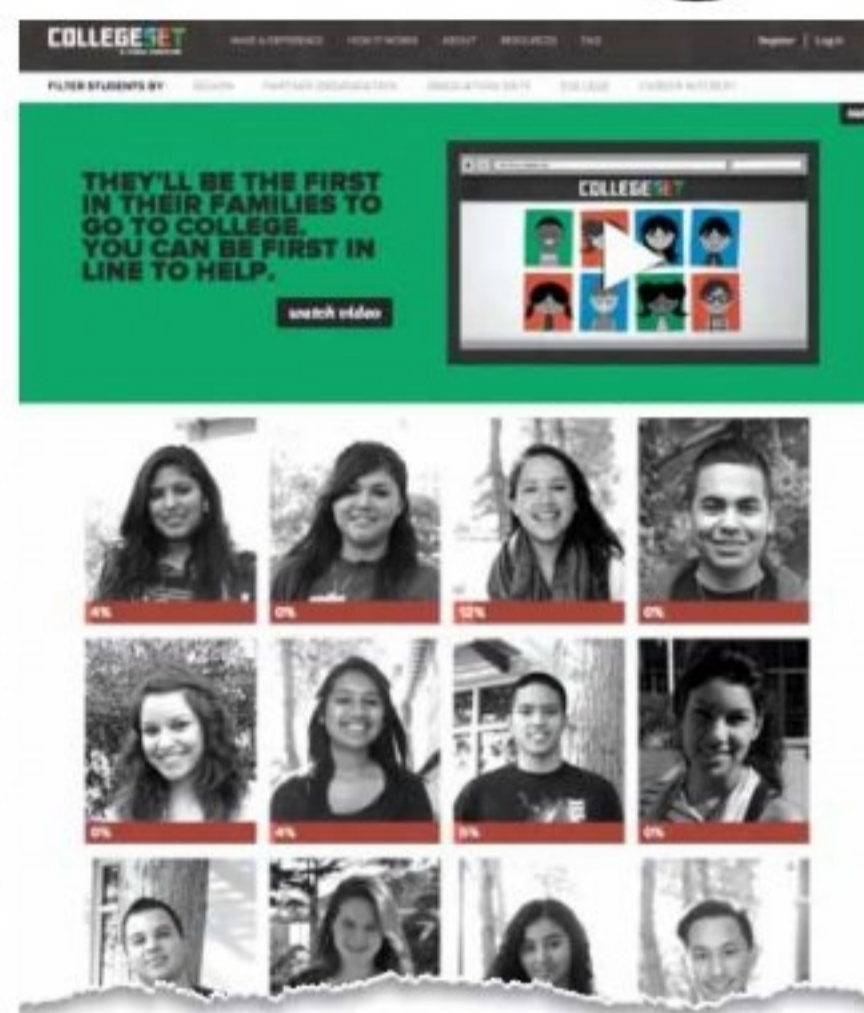
Students can get involved with the site through one of the partner organizations, including 10,000 Degrees, Bottom Line and City University of New York. In its first year, the site will feature profiles of 400 to 1,000 students in NYC and San Francisco, but as many as 2,500 students could be earning money for school after the next five years. They have the opportunity to receive a dollar-for-dollar match of their own savings up to \$500 and receive a contri-

How it works

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- Juma Ventures estimates that it will contribute more than \$1.5 million to the students on the site.

bution of \$250 any time they complete a "milestone," like completing an application for financial aid or receiving a college acceptance letter.

"The process is working for me great because they set up an account for you and I can put money in there any time, and they will match up the money with what I put in," said Corey Scott, a high school student from the Bronx who hopes to attend the College of Saint Rose in Albany. "I really won't be out there without any type of money for college. I have \$200 and I plan on putting in more." **METRO**



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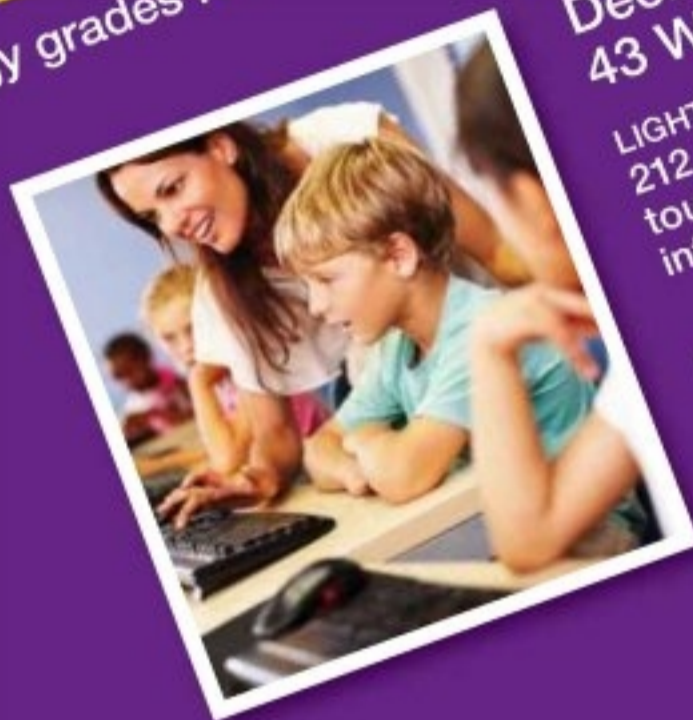
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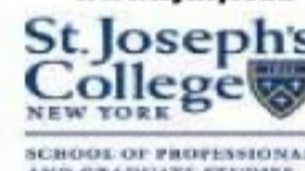
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D.O.M. is not simply a restaurant — the world's seventh-best, according to San Pellegrino — but an erotic experience. Succumb to the ultimate aphrodisiac: chef Alex Atala's orgasmic brioche-crusted oyster with tapioca and salmon roe pearls. Other dishes evoke childlike curiosity, including toasted black rice resembling the coveted bits at the bottom of a saucepan and an elastic aligot, served like pulling taffy. Equally seductive and infallible are the sommelier's wine pairings. But Atala perfects perfection by re-purposing native ingredients like hearts of palm and pripioca, a fragrant Amazonian root.



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Also try: Kinoshita, where salmon marinated for six days in sake and miso — an heirloom recipe — is just one of chef Tsuyoshi Murakami's Japanese specialties.
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Understated eats

Lebanese cafe **Tenda do Nilo** is diamond in the rough with just a handful of bistro tables. All in jest, owners Xmuine and Olinda Isper won't let you sample humus or mhamara, a divine red pepper spread, until you're taught the proper way

to rip and dip a pita. Quickly devour the fatte — a hash of beef, chickpeas, curd and toasted nuts — while shreds of flatbread baked in are still crisp. Conceived in the Middle East but born in Brazil, the Ispers' semolina cake with cream, pistachios, orange flower and honey called "1001 Nights" is a legend it its own

right.
www.tendadonilo.com.br
Also try: the Municipal Market, a commercial hall of fruit vendors, charcuteries and more. Wash down **Bar do Mane's** 350-gram, fried mortadella sandwich with a pingada — espresso in a glass with milk and sugar.

Hip hot spots

Mani's Helena Rizzo gives molecular gastronomy a sense of humor. Centerpieces of paper-thin Parmesan lollipops start the conversation. The artistry of the entrees to come is foretold in a trio of playful tapas: transparent tomato soup in a shot-glass, foie gras encased in port wine jelly like a maraschino cherry and sliced roast beef atop a delicate potato chip. Rizzo's sous-vide "perfect egg" lives up to its name. For dessert, guava sor-



▶ Mani's "Ovo Perfeito"

bet and cheese flan on a drizzling of dulce de leche will render you speechless.
www.manimanioca.com.br

Also try: Clandestino, chef Bel Coelho's gastronomic speakeasy open to only 15 diners on Thursday nights. Dishes like liquid coxinha (chicken croquette) and fish ribs with acai gravy introduce unfamiliar ways to eat indigenous ingredients.
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Jets used to making late charge

It shouldn't be a surprise that the Jets play their best in the fourth quarter. After all, this is a team that seems to do its best work when their backs are against the wall.

In 2009, the Jets started 4-6, only to win five of their next six games to make the

playoffs. Last year they lost three of their last five games to close out the regular season — and made the playoffs anyway. Now, the Jets will likely need to win out to once again sneak into the playoffs.

"We knew that we shouldn't have lost to Den-

ver. We definitely had the ability and the game plan to [win], but it was just poor team execution. We felt like that loss in particular was kind of on us as players," guard Matt Slauson said.

A look at Sanchez's numbers tells the story.

Sanchez is tied with Tim



► Sanchez

Tebow for the lead in fourth-quarter comebacks.

"He's the same guy from the start of the game. He's as cool as he can be," Santonio Holmes said. "With the time that he has in the fourth quarter, [he says] 'Just give me a chance.'"

● KRISTIAN DYER

Andrews is out for season

Head coach Tom Coughlin told the media through that valuable reserve offensive lineman Stacy Andrews's season is "over."

Andrews was hospitalized during the weekend and missed the Packers game due to blood clots that broke up in his leg and traveled into his lungs.

"He just can't go back to football right now," Coughlin said of Andrews. "It's a very, very serious medical condition." ● METRO/TW



► The Giants lost to the Packers, but they might have played their best game of the season so far.

Bolstered in defeat

► Giants trying to take positives from Packers loss ► Comparisons to 2007 Giants defeat by Patriots abound ► Rolle: 'We will see them again'

Even though the Giants have now lost their fourth-straight game, the mood is much different this week.

Tom Coughlin admitted the margin of error has been erased for New York and they'll most likely

have to win out to have a firm grip on the NFC East title.

"I hope that would be the case," Coughlin said when asked if he thinks the Packers loss could have the same impact as the loss to the undefeated Patriots in the 2007 regular season finale. "But we have four games to go and every one of those games are critical to our future. I think this will bring us closer [because] you set your eyes on something that nobody believes you can do."

"We have four big games left. We know what's ahead of us and we have to take whatever we can from this game [and] clean up a few things," said Eli Manning. "It's going to be a similar feel [to

62 Catches this year for Victor Cruz. Cruz unexpectedly leads the Giants in catches, receiving yards and receiving TDs.

2007] these next four games. Playoff-style games where we need to win."

The Giants control their own destiny, as they trail the Cowboys by one game with two meetings left. The first matchup is Sunday night in Dallas.

"I'm happy we fought from the first whistle to the very end. Unfortunately, we came up a little bit short," safety Antrel Rolle said. "But it's fine because we will see them [the Packers] again."

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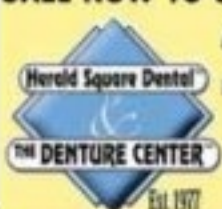


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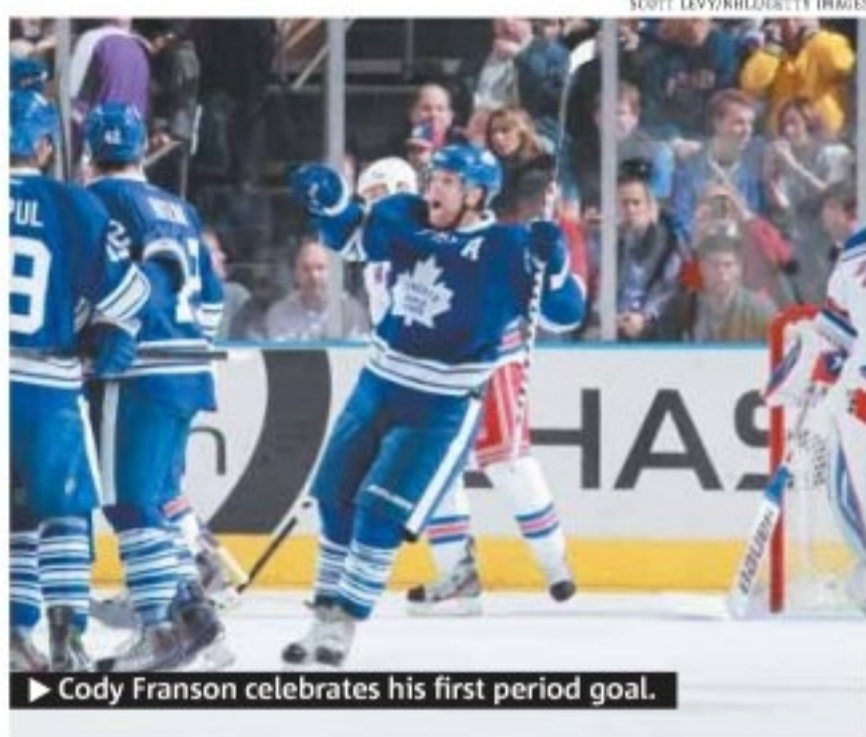
The Rangers played a strong 33 minutes.

Too bad a regulation National Hockey League game is 60 minutes.

The Rangers earned every bit of their 4-2 loss to the Toronto Maple Leafs at the Garden on Monday night. It was a game in which they spotted Toronto a 3-0 lead in the first 26:49, a period and change in which they were, charitably, a step behind the speed merchant Leafs.

Cody Franson's top of the slot wrister 6:01 into the first opened the scoring. After the goal, the Leafs began to dominate the game with their speed and skill.

Joffrey Lupul increased Toronto's advantage to 3-0 on the Toronto right winger's 13th goal of the



► Cody Franson celebrates his first period goal.

season.

The Rangers entered the game having won five in a row and 11 of their last 13. They were also one win

away from 2,500 in the franchise's 86-year history.

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► Reyes

Wright 'sad' to see Reyes go

With Jose Reyes heading to Miami, half of the young guns Mets fans expected to see finish their career in Queens is gone. David Wright remains.

"We came up together, both relatively the same age, and we've been through quite a few ups

and downs in New York together." Wright told ESPN Radio in New York. "Without sounding cheesy or ridiculous, it's obviously a tough day. It's a sad day, because you kind of realize, it hits you, that I'm not going to look over to my left and see him."

When asked whether Wright expected to be traded as well he would only say it was out of his control. **METRO**

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